and delightful entertainment. her wooden wedding was one of the prettiest affairs of the winter. The house was most tastefully and profusely decorated with flowers, which were arranged in wooden vessels of every conceivable form and shape. The centre with the choicest exotics, and inventive ingeauity must have been exhausted in the endless variety of fancy articles and carvings in wood presented by relatives and friends. Prominent ong the guests were the two levely brides, Mrs. Sackett and Mrs. Lawrence Perkins, and ere were also present Mrs. Frewen, Mrs. Burke-Roche, Mrs. Dinsmore, Mrs. Vanderbilt, and the Misses Jerome, Binsse, Youngs, Routh, McVickar, and many other charming women.

Teas and receptions without number have mken place every day during the past week, sach one so closely resembling another that those who "make the round" in one afternoon reach home for a 7 o'clock dinner with lost appetites, bewildered brains, and no connected ideas of where they have been or whom they bave seen. Society belies, whether married or gossip and relaxation to a limited number of middle-aged and elderly women, and supplied an arena for playing at gavety and dissipation to girls who are not invited to dinners or balls.

with all that art can produce of beautiful and rare, presided over by hostesses so simple and hospitable as Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Webb. ve drawn together throngs of the best people of our city, many of whom have solicited cards of invitation for themselves and their friends. That the more appreciative of them go away in a condition of profound discouragement is not the fault of the hostess, however, as if she were ask her friends to spend a week instead of an hour in her house, she could hardly give them time enough to examine and enjoy all that the house contains of architectural and artistic beauty. As it is, only a general impression is produced upon the bewildered mind, of enormous expenditure directed and controlled by an educated and refined taste.

leighing parties have prevailed since the last heavy snow storm, and the Fifth avenue has been alive with fast horses, jingling bells, and the most fanciful and picturesque beribboned and betasselled vehicles on runners. Mrs. 8. V. R. Cruger matronized a small but jolly sleighful on Thursday, and a party of eight, among whom were Mr. and Miss Hargous, Miss Cotting, and Mr. Lamontagne, were to start for Mr. S. L. M. Barlow's place at Glen Cove yesterday afternoon, with the intention of returning by moonlight, but were probably prevented by

Saturday was a busy day. Two large luncheons, one at Miss Leroy's and one given by Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Jr., filled up the morning hours. Several teas and dinners followed, and a Hunt dinner for the members of the Rockaway Club, Mr. John Cheever presiding, took place in the evening at Delmonico's, and rather boisterously ushered in Sunday morning.

The Queens County Hunt have leased for a term of years the farm recently owned by Col. Alfred M. Wood at Queens, and sport is to begin

The gayeties of next week will begin with the last of the Patriarchs' balls on Monday evening, which, in spite of adverse criticism and ill-natured comments, are always very enjoyable assemblages of well-dressed and well-bred people. It is to be hoped, however, that a few | fear of what it may shortly do. scrub women, well supplied with soap, soda, and other cleansing materials, will be turned | and English are protesting against the barbarnto Delmonico's rooms on the morning of the ball, or the utter ruin of ladies' dresses may be expected. At the last F. C. D. C. the floor was simply disgraceful, and as the Patriarchs are almost without exception the owners and proprietors of those most expensive of all luxuries, probably much depleted bank accounts should on that occasion.

sixth street. Mrs. Deforest will have a young Mrs. Bayard Cutting's reception on Wednes-

8 Washington square on Friday, and innumerable luncheons, dancing classes, and theatre parties will give interest and occupation for the remainder of the week.

ball on the 16th, and the Washington Square Dancing Class will meet at Mrs. William Jay's tine's Day by Mrs. Van Auken, daughter of Commodore Garrison.

13th inst, have been received by many of those who were and by some of those who were not distinguished by invitations to the first, Cards are out for the weddings of Miss Minnie Griswold and Mr. Forbes, Miss Effle Mor-

gan and Mr. Schenek, and also for that of Miss Cora Smith and Mr. Samuel J. Colgate. The latusual reception of relatives and friends. Miss Smith's bridesmaids will be Miss Ada Smith, Hewitt, and Miss Alice Rathbone of Albany.

The marriage of Miss Katharine Whit laughter of Mr. Kenneth G. White, and Mr. William Simonds, a grandson of the late Consul de Luze, is also announced to take place on ednesday, the 15th inst., at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Fifth avenue.

Miss Fanny Duer Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Beverley Robinson, and Mr. William H. Davfdge will be married on Thursday next, the 9th inst., at Christ Church, New Brighton, Only a fimited number of invitations have been issued to the reception, which will follow the teremony, at the house of the bride's mother.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN EUROPE.

With the near approach of the opening of

the British Parliament the anxiety to learn what course the Government will pursue in respect to the proposed alterations in parliamentary procedure increases. Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues are as dumb as oysters on the subject, and it is shrewdly suspected that they have not yet discovered any practical solution of the difficulty. The question which will have to be answered is, Shall the House of Commons have control over its own debates? Hitherto the House had no control whatever in this matter, as was conclusively proved by the obstruction to business so successfully practised by beauty was lacking to make a most charming the Irish members in the last session. Curiously enough, besides the Irish obstructionists The dancing party given by Mrs. Harry Alex- there are to be found other members of Parliaandre on Wednesday evening in celebration of | ment who object to having "liberty of speech" interfered with. They are opposed to the adoption of the principle of the cloture, because they foresee a time approaching when the utmost license in discussion will be resorted to by them to defeat the radical measures it is bopiece of the supper table was a large tub filled lieved Mr. Gladstone will introduce touching the English Land laws. Therefore, although they heartily desire to see the exuberant oratory of the Irishmen effectively curbed, they more heartily dislike establishing any precedent that may possibly be used against themselves in the near future. They refuse to place themselves in a position which may afford them the sensation of being "hoist by their own petard."

In spite of these objectors, it ts certain that the Government will grapple with the "obstruction difficulty" as soon as Parliament meets. It is rumored that the Government will propose that the Minister in charge of a bill may call upon the House to declare that the discussion has lasted long enough. The arbitrary character of such a proposal, it is befieved, will at once cause its rejection. Yet it is hard to see why this should be so. The vote on the ques single, sedom go to thom, however, and it is tion as to the prolongation of a debate would generally supposed that a tea has fulfilled its not be likely to have any effect on the acceptmission when it has given an opportunity for ance or rejection of the bill debated. It would only mean that the members had made up their minds which way they would vote, and that no further eloquence would have any effect on their opinions. Yet there can be no The receptions given by Mrs. William H. Van- doubt that the power of closing a debate by the derbit have been an exception to this rule, simple vote of the majority would give great however. The attractions of a house crowded power to an unscrupulous Minister. It is therefore thought probable that the House may decide on giving the power of cloture to a

two-thirds or a three-fourths majority. That Mr. Gladstone should be anxious to preserve the rights of a minority is more probable just now than it was six months ago, because of the increasing chances of his soon finding himself bereft of his majority in the House of Commons. The desertion of two such followers as the Earl of Zetland and Earl Grey, and the signs of disaffection shown by the Duke of Argyll, and the Marquis of Landsdowne cannot but cause the Premier serious apprahension. Probably the course taken by Farl Grev has the greatest significance. For fifty-six years he has been a consistent Liberal. When in his young days he sat in the House of Commons he was looked upon as a Radical. In 1833 he was in advance of his party on the subject of Catholic emancipation. In 1845 he upset the Whig coach because he disapproved

of the Whig foreign policy, and in 1846, when he was a member of the Cabinet, he was one of the foremost in denouncing the Intervention of England in the affairs of Continental Europe The curious feature of Earl Grey's departure from the Liberal fold is that at no time have the principles which all his life long he has advocated, in season and out of season, been more ardently upheld by the Government from whose side he has departed. One can hardly be lieve it possible that Earl Grey, the disciple of Cobden, could turn his back upon John Bright the apostle of free trade and of "peace on earth and good will toward men," or that he who fifty years ago advocated Liberal measures toward Ireland could give the cold shoulder to Mr. Gladstone, who, by the by, was at that period too Protestant and too Tory to sanction his Lordship's principles, and who now takes them up and champions them d outrance. Truly, this may be called the age of inconsistency when we see Radicals suspending the babeas corpus, arresting editors, and crushing the liberty of the press. Still it is to be feared that Earl Grey has not left the Liberal party for what it has recently done but for It is not without a cause that the Americans

ous treatment the Jews are receiving in som parts of Russia at the hands of so-called Christians. For years past the Hebrews in the southern provinces of the empire have lived in a state of terror. At the monthly fairs which are held in most of the large towns the farmers marriageable daughters, consideration for their | get more or less intoxicated and insult the astute fraders who profess the Jewish faith induce them to provide against a repetition of Latterly these petty persecutions have increased in bitterness, until within the last few months they have become atrocities. In the On Tuesday Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish will give a province of Grodno a Jew had bought a cow large reception at her residence in East Fifty- for twenty-five roubles, and a farmer, who had been trying to buy the animal, annoyed beladies' dinner, and Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt a cause the Jew outbid him, attacked and cotifion party for her daughters in the evening. brutaily beat the purchaser, although the latter offered to let him have the eow at day, a ball at Mr. Frederic W. Stevens's on his own price. The mob cheered the aggressor Thursday, a large dinner at Miss Redmond's of and his friends and incited the drunken farmers to attack other Jews, whose dwellings they pointed out. The Hebrew dealers in spirituous liquors were the first to feel the fury of the mob, which broke open their steres and consumed the centents until they became mad with excitement and bad liquor. The police did nothing to check the disturbance, and are said to on the 14th. Invitations for a breakfast at 12 | have joined in the rioting. One man over sevo'clock have also been sent out for St, Valen- enty and his son, endeavoring to protect their wives and children, killed two of the rioters but were soon overpowered, and, after the wo Cards for the second Bachelors' ball, on the | men had been outraged, all were murdered. About sixty women belonging to other Jewish families were outraged by the mob some of them dying from the violence. There were about 2,000 Hebrew families in the town, and the only ones that were not molested were the butchers, who resided all in one street, and who armed themselves with their knives and chopter will take place at Calvary Church on Wed-pers, so that the mob were afraid to attack nesday, Feb. 15, and will be followed by the them. The Russian authorities have done what they could toward protecting the Jews, but in districts so far off from the seat of Gov-Miss Jean Turnbull, Miss de Buyter, Miss ernment the soldiers and police are few in number, and consequently almost powerless against the enraged populace. They have, however, arrested more than four thousand of the rioters

different parts of the empire, It is ominous that the scene of the recent revolt of the Herzegovinians against their Austrian masters is the same in which began the trouble culminating in the Russo-Turkish war. At that time the Christian Slavs of Herzegovina ose against their Ottoman oppressors. Now both Christians and Mchammedans are in open revolt against Austrian rule. Then the disturbances were instigated by Russia, and is is not at all unlikely that the same may be the case now. The ostensible cause of the revolt is

Europe as to what can be Austria's ultimate object. Is she afraid that this revolt is a trick the object of gaining another excuse for ex-

of Russia to embroil southeastern Europe with tending her terrifory in that quarter? Or is Austria preparing to annex finally all the Slav provinces, in order to extend her scaboard? Or has she scented from afar the battle which it seems probable will follow the interference of England and France in Fgypt, and the counterinterference of Russia, Germany, Austria, and Italy, news of which has come by cable? The races at Nice announce that the height of

the season at that charming winter resort has arrived. This year the weather has been admirable-better than has been known for ten years. In consequence, the attendance on the racecourse to see the "cracks" take their morning exercise has been uncommonly large. The city itself seems given over to jockeys, trainers, and bookmakers, whom the populace look upon with as much swe as if they were saints of the racing calendar. For the time being, the marvellous dresses of the fashionable women are almost disregarded, although never before have they been so eccentric as at present. The authorities of the city have done all in their power to attract people, and the consequence is the assemblage of an immense crowd, which renders it a work of some difficulty to obtain a view of the races, regattas, and pigeon matches, or even an entrance to the balls, clubs, or theatres.

The opening of the new docks at Milford

Haven recalls the words of the great English engineer who said that "Liverpool made a mistake in not going to Milford Haven." Lord Nelson was of opinion that the harbor was one of the finest in the world, and when once he got his vessels there it was a matter of difficulty to get him to leave the spot. That was owing, however, to the fact that Lady Hamilton, who was at that time a barmaid at the inn now called the Lord Nelson, was a great attraction to the naval hero. A good deal of interest to Americans will in a short time be attached to the new port, for it is be-lieved that by next July a line of express steamers will be running between it and New York, making the voyage in six days and a half at the outside. In addition to this, the railway will bring the passengers directly to the ship's side, thus doing away with the inconvenience which is undergone at Liverpool in driving from the railroad to the docks and in getting thence to the steamer by means of a not over comfortable steam tug. Then, again, by the Milford Haven route the dangers of navigating the Mersey and St. George's Channel will be avoided. The journey by ratl from London will be a little longer than the journey to Liverpool, but will be borne with equanimity when it is remembered that the Haven is nearly the same distance from New York as Queenstown, and that the sea parsage will be so much the shorter. The advantages of the proposed new route have already been appreciated by an American who is negotiating for the purchase of an estate overlooking the beautiful harbor. On this he intends to erect a Grand Reception Homestead for American Visitors," where they are to recruit after the voyage. The hotel is to be made especially attractive to newly married couples. This American speculator will not have lived in vain even if he loses his money, which seems probable, in view of the fact that London and Paris have greater attractions for even brides and bride-

grooms than any hotel at Milford. There seems to be some doubt as to the intention of the English Government with regard to the use to which Newgate prison is to be put. When it was officially announced that the ugly old jail was to be no longer used as a prison, it was assumed that the unsightly pile would be pulled down, in order to widen the Old Bailey and further improve what is fast becoming the handsomest quarter of London, architecturally speaking. The Home Secretary has dispelled this delusion by announcing that the prison is only to be made use of during the sessions of the Central Criminal Court, which occupy a week in each month. If this determination is adhered to, the prison, with its large staff of officers, will simply be "eating its head off" for three-quarters of the year. The site on which the prison stands is extremely valuable. Land in its neighborhood is worth from one to two

The Presidents of the Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs have during the last fortnight been busily engaged in selecting the crews for the forthcoming university boat race. On their judgment the quality of the respective crews greatly depends. After the men have got well into training it is hard to remedy any error made in picking the crews. The work of choosing is lighter than usual this year, for there are only three vacancies in the Oxford erew and about the same number at Cambridge. Cambridge, however, loses her last year's stroke, who was about the only really good man in the boat, while the old hands that will again dobattle for Oxford were exceptionally good men. At this early stage the advantage rests with the dark blues, but many unlooked-foremergencies may upset their supremacy before they get past the Ship at Mortiake on the last day of March or the 1st of April next. On either of those days-which of the two is not yet deeided-the tide will serve well in the middle of the day, which is matter for congratulation to the thousands of spectators who blacken the bridges and the banks of the river. N. L. T.

Pirates of the Chesnpeake. The pirates of the Chesapeake are not free-booters of the old sort, who scuttled slops and made the crews walk the plank. Their scenes of rapine are on the oyster beds, and their war is against those who interfere with them. The laws of Maryland and Virginia aim to constantly violate the law. Two years are a first of piratical vessels took possession of the mouth of the Rappahannock by force of arms, and field it until the Virginia Legislature threatened to send men and guns to

combard them.

Just now the Maryland authorities are excited over the exploits of a pirate fact of six vessels dredging on forbidden grounds off Poplar Island. The crews of these boats use their rifles freely when an oyster police boat comes in sight, and they have thus far beaten off all at-tack. Capt. Validant of the syster police force posted two of his sons on a point to watch the vessels. The pirates, discovering them, opened fire. The young men got behind drift less, and had to stay there all day, for as com as one showed himself be was fired upon. Capt. Valliant has obtained a cannon for his guard beat, and the overler police are to make a determined assault upon the pirates. There is lively interest over the prespect of a naval hattle; but the probability is that before the oyster police get ready for the fray the pirates will have filled their houts and made off. So far no deaths are reported; but it is rare that an

syster season goes by without several men being killed

THE WATER COLOR EXHIBITION.

The annual water color exhibitions, of which the present is the fifteenth, have afforded in themselves an interesting record of the general growth of art in America. The improvement in the art of water color painting has been made more conspicuous and rapid than that which has taken place in the kindred branches of art, although the advance has been marked in oil painting, in sculpture, in statu-ary, in designing in black and white for repro-

duction, and in wood engraving.

Were the present collection of pictures in the National Academy to be transferred to the Grosvenor or Dudley galleries, in London, it would be thought to be a very remarkable exhibition, and to bear the same relation to English water-color painting that American wood engraving does to English wood engraving. During the last four or five years there has been a great deal of carnest and effective study among American artists, and they have unconsciously arrived at the point of painting really well. We knew that our wood engraving was good, but we were not quite conseious of how good it was until our foreign neighbors volunteered the admission that they could not produce as good work.

Now that we compare our American water colors with those of foreign artists, we are surprised to find that they are able to assert themselves, and claim equal consideration. In technical knowledge, in the crudition of the art, and in the skill of picture making, the foreign artist naturally surpass us; but in susceptibility to artistic impressions and in distinctness and directness in the recording of them we are their equals. Formerly when a foreign water color was hung in one of our exhibitions, its charness and its art made to conspicuous ject among the unformed attempts about it. In the present exhibition it is

found to be in its place, and nothing more. Water colors, as far as public appreciation of them or public interest in them were concerned, were practically unknown in this country ten years ago. The best foreign works that were brought here by dealers found no purchasers. They were regarded with complete indifference by the people who had begun to collect pictures after the war-people who thought it the distinction of a lifeto own a Meyer von Bremer or a Verbockboven, but who have since undergone a process of evolution whereby they have attained to a Bouguerean or a Schreyer, and have even doubts about the work of those great men. Being a very young people in matters of art, but vigorous in their convictions and strong in their prejudices, they fell in easily with the fashions cultivated by the art dealers and bought everything but watercolors, which were flimsy, inconsiderable things of ephemeral quality, and not be thought of when compared with a good, solid, durable oil

painting. It was only after the Centennial Exhibition, in the year of the great awakening, when wall paper and brie-a orac and sincere furniture and things overcame a susceptible people, that there was a really healthy movement in art, and since that time water colors and all other branches of art have prospered. In the matter of real work our art schools are as active today as those of Munich, and the instruction given in them is just as serious and equally effective. Few people have any idea of how large a part of the community is practically concerned with art, or of the extent of the practical encouragement and recognition that Americans now bestow upon American art. A few years ago the annual sale of water colors would have brought in two or three hundred dollars; now we think nothing of selling \$20,000 worth of them in a week.

If our water-color paintings are more seriously considered now by the public, there is also much more thought bestowed on them by the artists themselves. The earlier work was forced and unnatural. Nearly all that there was of it was landscape, and instead of consisting of fresh, open-air impressions and truthful studies of effects, it was manufactured in studios, and with no more direct reference to such as the memory afforded. The distinguishing characteristic of the present exhibition, and that which constitutes its greatest charm, itself, and the best and most enduring work is has been a great change within a few years in the method of the best known of our landscape painters. A careful scrutiny of their work shows that it is all the direct and immediate record that is obtained in finished mediate record that is obtained in finished sixetches. The preponderance of such pictures in the exhibition is encouraging. It shows that American landscape painters are conscientiously striving after what is best, and that the most earnest endeavors of our artists are being most carnest endeavors of our artists are being made in directions that promise the best of

Mr. A. H. Wyant has three pictures in the present exhibition, all excellent examples of his simple and charming style. They are: "Waste Land" (No. 563), "A Glimpse of Ban-tam Lake" (No. 401), and "The Frog Pond" (No. 529). Mr. Wyant's landscapes seem to improve each year. They become more simple in their composition, more reand delicate in their treatment, and they betray a deeper feeling and reverence for nature. Nothing could be less ambitious than the scope of Mr. Wyant's subjects, but his pictures are quite harmonious, of tender color, replete with grace and poetic feeling. Mr. Alfred Parsons, one of the best of English landscape painters, has sent two pic-tures, "A Sunday Morning in Surrey" (No. 67) and "Meadows by the Thames" (No. 473). protect a large part of the beds against the operations of the cyster dredgers, who work by letting down large and distinct in their English quality, iron scoops from their vessels. The dredgers, however, The former, a picture of a Surrey cottage, sur-The former, a picture of a Surrey cottage, surrounded by a wealth of flowers, quaint and pic-turesque in detail and rich in its color, is admirably painted. The latter is a bit of stream and open meadow, with distant trees and village and the figures of mowers. It is a quiet and unobtrusive little picture, but will well re-

pay a search in the South Gallery, Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith is one of the most industrious and indefatigable of artists, as he is also, probably, the most irrepressible and importurbable water colorist who ever managed a Hanging Committee. There are loud com plaints about the action of the committee this year, but it has to be admitted nevertheless, that preceded it. It has not yet been dis-covered how one may reject a thousand a corrain proportion of the people who had sent them in, and the responsibilities that deescemony, at the house of the bride's mother.

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The Concert of the Symphony Society. The fourth concert of the Symphony Socity fell on the wildest night of the season. A furious snow storm beat against the doors of Steinway Hall and blocked travel in all directions. Naturally it very much affected the attendance, but those who were bold enough to face the weather heard a concert that made the interior of the ball as sunshiny and bright as the outside was desolate and forbidfing. The programme was as follows: Mozart's Symphony in G minor. Spohr's Concerto in A for violin and orchestra Rubinstein's Ocean Symphony.

The contrast between the classic school of the latter part of the last century and the freer and more romantic school of our own day could hardly have been more sharply emphasized than it was by the two representative symphonies- the elder work calm, simple, and serene, definite in form, consecutive in the development of its musical thought; the other replete with poetic suggestion, vast and broad. and sometimes indeterminate in outline, like its subject, and pervaded, like it, with the spirit of unrest. Rubinstein has not written programme music. dis symphony is subjective and not objective. There is no heave and set of the ocean, no rising storm culminating in a great tempest, no surging of waves against a rock-bound coast, but the mystery which the infinite sea carries to those who commune with it Rubinstein has expressed in tone. If it has not the lucidity and smoothness of that other ocean picture, the "Calm at Sea and Happy Voyage," It is because Mendelssohn floated on calmer waters, where there were no misty horizons or unfathomable depths.

Master Michael Bunner made an excellent impression by his execution of the Spohr Concerto in A for violin and orchestra. He is a delicate, seric as-looking lad, seemingly 10 or 12 years old, who goes about his work in a businesslike, carnest way, and without shyness or affectation. He has, for his age, a surprising command of the flager board, his bowing is neat and finished, his intonation and expression good, and his tone clear though not strong, as indeed, how should it be?

Indeed, his career begins with remarkable promise of future eminence. Such equality and firmness of tone, such justness and beauty of expression, and such mature and poetic phrasing were a complete surprise in so mere a stripling. He won the mest enthusiastic commendations. and sometimes indeterminate in outline, like

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

"Divorcons" continues at the Thalia Theatre. The annual cat show opens at Bunnell's Museum to-morrow. Admission free-to cats. Lawrence Barrett appears in "Pendragon" at Hav-erly's Fifth Auenue Theatre to-morrow week. Extremes still meet in the persons of the Norwegian giant and Chinese dwarf at the Globe Museum. Sardon's "Odette," in English dress, takes possession of the boards at Daly's Theatre to-morrow night. The "stage-struck maidens" will evidently hold the stage of Tony Pastor's Theatre for a long time to come. The "Money Spinner," true to its name, is filling the coffers of Wallack's Theatre. "Youth" is in preparation. The fourth subscription concert of the New York Phil-harmonic Club takes place at Chickering Hall on Tues-day evening. Joe Murphy, in the "Kerry Gow" and "Shaun Rhue," will be the attraction at the Williamsburgh Novelty The

The devil fish, the double baby, the nummy, and the Fiji mermaid are still the observed of all observers at Worth's Museum.

"L'Afrique," the American contribution to the comic opera repertoire, enters on its second week at the Bijou Opera House to morrow. Mile Imbre Marthe from the Opera Comique Paris, appears at Koster A Bisl a concert this evening, in addition to the other performers. tion to the other performers.

The Hoey and Hardie combination will present "A Child of the State" and "Diplomacy" at the Brooklyn Park Theatre during the week.

Mr. M. B. Curtis will give his popular impersonation of "Sam" of Posen, the Commercial Drummer," at Haverly's Brooklyn Theatre this wook.

Despite the competition of rivals and imitators, the real simon pure original Jacobs "Patience" is silidriving a thriving trade at the Standard Theatre. Birch and Backus's improvement on Gilbert and Sullivan's "Fatience" continues to draw crowds to the opera house of the San Francisco ministrela.

"Squatter Sover-carry" is proving far more acceptable at Harrisco and Harr's theatre tunn it did to its originators among the politicians of thirty years ago.

Coals will be carried to Newcastle at Haverly's Four-teenth Street Heatre to morrow night by the pre-duction of "Patience," with a chorus of sixty selected voices. Another concert will be given by Nahan Franko, assisted by Mrs. Cole. Mr. Mills. Mr. Werner, Sain Franko, and Mr. Frank, in Steinway Hall, on Wednesday evening. The "Lights o' London" still illuminates the Union Square Theater in the evening, while the "New Magdalon" points Wilkie Collins's peculiar moral on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. As with "Harel Kirke," custom cannot stale "Esmeralda." the present and future) play at the Madison Square Theatre. Afthenich two years old yesterday, this theatre has produced but three plays.

During the second week of its engagement at Niblo's Garden, Mr. Palmer's company will play that Union Square Theatre success..." The Danieledfa." "A Crie-brated Case" is the play for text week. enormous waste of money to let the ground lie idle. For years the Central Criminal Courts have been a disgrace to London by reason of their smallness and inconvenience. If the Government intends to do nothing clse with Newgate, it should at least construct within its walls a Palace of Criminal Justice.

In would plainly be an and the superatest charm, is the out-of-door quality of its lendscapes. No art of the subjects and the supplier of Burnaud, Nr. Lester Wallack has no reason to complain of the reception which continues to be given his "Why, cert his," at the Park Theatre, and truth of color and the significance and begans to the given his "Why, cert his," at the Park Theatre, and truth of color and tru

to morrow hight.

The Guernes Listemann combination, hailing from Boston, appear at Clackering Hall to morrow week, when Mies thorness will deliver recitations, and Mr. Listemann and his brother more was will render selections from the chief composers.

The "Fassing Regiment," having had 100 representations at bally a flucative, invades New Buchaud, parading in Frevidence to morrow might, On finishing its Eastern tour it will visit Baltimore, Washington, and various Pelmsylvania cities, appearing also in the larger towns in the State, and Enaily in Canada.

That an elect organization which calls itself the Bose I deals, begins an engagement at Bosth's Theatre to-tree night with Fathelias. On Tacsday evening their of Cornevine will be given on Wednesday evening a Coar and the Carpetter, on thousday the Machanist the Principles of Pencaine, at the stury matince "officiale," and on Saturday evening "Timese.

Mary Anderson plays the "Lady of Lyons" at the Grand Opera House to morrow night. On Therday evening she appears in "Evadne," on Wednesday in "Pyemalton and Galarca," and on Thorsday, Friday, and saturday evenings in the "Daughter of Reland." A special inatture of "Pyemalton and Galarca" will be given on Wednesday afternoon. The "Lady of Lyons will be played at the Sainriay matines.

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An increase sale of baxes and seats for the Patti opera season, which opens on Feb 23 with "Traviata," in the terminalia theatre, will be held at that theatre at 4 F. M. Welinesday. Mine: Pattis ongazement is for seven nights. She will sing on Thursdays and Mondays, beginning as above. Her other appearances will be on Feb. 27. Morch 2. 6. 9. 13, and 19. Her repertoire will include Faist." The Farler of Sexile. "Lucia." Il Trovatore, "and probably "Dinorah" and "Somnambula."

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The sale of boxes and tickets for the Liederkranz masked ball, which will take place on Thursday evening at the Acad-roy, has been unusually large. Prince Carnival will open the ball at 9:30 o'clock, followed by Carminal will open the ball at 9-30 octook followed by the Four't omnittee in brilliant Spanish Court constituer, and other committees and a throng of maskers in elaborate and warst discusses which the somety has spared no expense in solveling. At 10 octook a procession of the representatives at the late. Vocations octoopering the procession of the freuch delegates the Von Stephens. President Arthur and Calmet, tone Stephens. Breather, the President Arthur and Calmet, tone Stephens. Improved, and other military guests or at least representations of them by more creative or the society will be reviewed by Prime Carminal. Bernstein were bestra will be reviewed by Prime Carminal.

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EASTER FLOWERS. Floral Favore for St. Valentine's Day and Lent-The Tulip Mania Revived.

A florist at one of the large hothouses near Astoria said yesterday: "We are very busy getting ready for Easter-potting and starting bulbs and planting spring flowers. The fashionable flowers will be sweetwilliams, single vellow daisies. English marigolds, nasturtiums and coryopsis, a flower of the daisy family, with yellow leaves and black centres. Popular fancy is running to wild flowers. Red and white clovers are more sought after for bridal bouquets than orange blossoms this winter. Lilies of the valley will be very scarce in the spring, and much higher than they are now. The American bulbs are not doing well, and all we have started for the spring trade are imported from England. A single spray of lilies of the valley brings twenty-five cents—the same price we get for a daisy-and we could sell many more than we raise at the same price. Plents of people buy them at this price when they complain that Jacqueminot roses are high at \$1,50 each, yet the roses are the cheaper flower. Three or four roses are more effective than a bunch of daises or lilies of the valley costing

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"Hyacinths, violets, and primroses are always used, but more are sold during Lent than at Easter time. They are the regulation St. Valentine's Day offering. For St. Valentine's Day baskets the budding smd blooming plants are more used than cut flowers. They must have one or two fully opened flowers to carry the compliments of the season, and the bads are expected to repeat the tender message until May day arrives.

"We filled an order before Christmas for an odd St. Valentine's Day party. It was for twelve hyacinth bulbs, and the lady was very particular that we should send bulbs of six different colors, two of each kind. They were for a dinner company of twelve persons, six ladies and six gentlemen, At the dinner table each person chose a bulb, put it in a champagne glass, covered it with water, and tied their dinner cards to the stoms of the glasses. The glasses were then sent to the conservatory, where they will remain until the 14th of February, when the party are invited by the hostess to dine together and discover their Valentines, those whose glasses have hyacinths of the same color being supposed to be mated by fate."

"Are camellas expensive now?"

"No. The ordinary camellia brings only twenty cents, and few only can be sold even at that price. Their lack of perfume has driven them out of favor in spite of their handsome waxy leaves, but they will soon come in fashion again. After years of experimenting a gardener has succeeded in originating a pibk camellia, with a faint perfume resembling that of a rose. The secret of the treatment is not generally known yet, but the dorists will soon get hold of it, and fashionable indies will forget that they considered the what changes skilful gasdening can work. Sweetwilliams are a good example. These grown in hothouses are quite different from the wild growths. They are larger, sweeter, and more brilliant in color, they always be a for window boxes and jardinteres."

"Are you planting many tulips?"

Will Lent interfere seriously with the demand for flowers?

No: it only changes it. There are fewer ball decorations wanted, but Sunday bouquets will be bought every day in the week. This kind of religious devotion is very fashionable. Young men send ladies bouquets to wear in their beit at church on Sunday, a delicate way of saying 'Remember me in your prayers,' which they have to accede to when thanks are given for mereles received. Duit, unconspiendom anything gaver than violets—and they must be flowers that last. Heliotrope fades too quickly to be used. The flowers most in demand for this purpose are clovers, mignonette, Star of Bethlehem, heathers, and the old fashioned flowering herbs, rosemary and rue.

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